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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6978

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 1771

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, CS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR BUNKER C FUEL

REF: (A) STATE 095885 (B) SAN JOSE 1733

1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, WE ARE SATISFIED THAT POSSIBILITIES OF DIVERSION OF BUNKER C FOR USE OUTSIDE COSTA RICA ARE MINIMAL. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE THERE IS NEED FOR THIS SHIPMENT, THAT DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO BE CRITICAL AT THIS TIME. THIS FUEL WILL BE USED TO REPLENISH INVENTORIES RECENTLY DRAWN DOWN ON WEST COAST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RECOPE HAS APPROXIMATELY A 20 DAY STOCK ON HAND AT PRESENT AND THAT WEST COAST COULD BE SUPPLIED BY MAKING ALTERNATE SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENTS CARRYING PRODUCT FROM ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC COAST VIA THE PANAMA CANAL. THEREFORE CRITERIA IS ONE OF COST AND CONVENIENCE--NOT OF ESSENTIALITY.

2. WE HAVE NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH GOCR ON THIS SHIPMENT, HOWEVER GUARDIA OF BUQUES CENTROAMERICANOS S.A. HAS FURNISHED US WITH A COPY OF A CABLE ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR LOPEZ AND SIGNED BY JORGE VILLALOBOS, DIRECTOR OF HYDROCARBONS, MEIC, WHICH READS IN ROUGH TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS: "PERMIT ME TO INFORM YOU FOR THE APPROPRIATE PROCESSING THAT RECOPE NEEDS TO IMPORT VIA BUQUES CENTROAMERICANOS S.A. 80,000 BARRELS OF BUNKER C THAT WILL BE LOADED AT LONG BEACH,
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CALIFORNIA, ON THE SHIP BAREN TRECHT."

3. ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION ALONE, IT IS
DIFFICULT TO MAKE A MORE DEFINITIVE RECOMMENDATION THAN IN
REFERENCE (B) SINCE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSESS COSTA
RICA'S PRIORITY AGAINST THAT OF OTHER APPLICATIONS. THIS IS
A SMALL SHIPMENT AND WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL IF COSTA RICA

QUALIFIES ON A BASIS OF COMPETITIVE NEED. ON THE OTHER HAND,
IF THE LICENSE IS REJECTED WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT THIS DECISION
SHOULD BE MADE ON COMPLETELY OBJECTIVE GROUNDS SINCE GOCR
LIKELY TO PROTEST.

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